

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

OLACHI MEZU-NDUBUISI, an Individual)	
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Plaintiff,)	Case No.: 24-cv-6387-EAW
vs.)	
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UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, et.al.)	
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Defendants.)	

**DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF’S COUNSEL, C. VALERIE IBE IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF’S MOTION TO SEAL EXHIBIT AG, AN EXHIBIT IN THE
PLAINTIFF’S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF RENEWED MOTION FOR A
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

INTRODUCTION

I, C. VALERIE IBE, ESQ., am a co-counsel for the plaintiff in this matter, and I respectfully seek leave of the court to file this declaration and I declare the following in support of the plaintiff’s motion to seal Exhibit AG, one of the Exhibits in support of her renewed motion for preliminary injunction.

1. I am over 18 years of age and am an attorney at law duly admitted to practice before the United States District Court in the Western District of New York. I am also licensed to practice law in the State and Federal Courts in Maryland and California.
2. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein except for those based on information and belief, which I believe to be true, and I am competent to testify to their truth and accuracy.

3. I submit this declaration pursuant to Rule 5.3 (c) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) in support of the Plaintiff's Motion to File under Seal, Exhibit AG, which is Plaintiff's September 14, 2024 response to Medical Executive Committee ("MEC") that is attached as an exhibit to the memorandum in support of her renewed motion for a preliminary injunction.

4. On June 20, 2024, the plaintiff filed an employment discrimination complaint against the defendants and alleged among other things, Racial Discrimination, Retaliation, Harassment/Hostile and abusive Work Environment, Disparate Treatment, Retaliatory harassment and Discrimination under NY Law, Breach of Contract, and Denial of Due Process.

5. On July 29, 2024, plaintiff filed an amended complaint alleging the same claims as in the original complaint and also included 42 U.S.C. §1981 claim.

6. On August 12, 2024, the defendants filed a motion to dismiss the plaintiff's amended complaint arguing among other things that plaintiff had not presented any evidence to back up her racial discrimination claim, disparate treatment, Title VII retaliation, harassment/hostile and abusive work environment, retaliatory harassment and discrimination under New York Law, breach of contract, due process and 42 U.S.C. Section 1981 claims.

7. On August 14, 2024, plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction was heard by the court where the defendants promised the judge that their Fair Hearing Process would address all of the plaintiff's claims. That plaintiff's application for injunction was dismissed without prejudice.

8. In a letter dated August 28, 2024, the defendants' Medical Executive Committee, without notice or an opportunity to be heard by Dr. Mezu-Ndubuisi, recommended a denial of her application for reappointment.

9. On September 3, 2024, the plaintiff filed a response in opposition to the defendants' motion to dismiss her amended complaint.

10. Plaintiff timely requested a Fair Hearing challenging the MEC adverse action in her appeal dated September 14, 2024 – Exhibit AG which is one of the exhibits that was submitted in support of her memorandum for renewed motion for preliminary injunction sought to be filed under seal.

11. The plaintiff has applied to this court to seal Exhibit AG under seal.

12. The Exhibit contains CONFIDENTIAL, PRIVATE and SENSITIVE MEDICAL DATA OF PATIENTS, treatment information and plaintiff's private information.

13. Exhibit AG is extremely relevant to the litigation and defense of the plaintiff's claims that she was wrongfully stopped from working. The Exhibit is relevant in refuting the false allegations that the defendants have leveled against the plaintiff in carrying out their discriminatory and retaliatory actions against her.

14. The Exhibit is crucial to her response to the defendants' MEC and is her appeal for Fair Hearing which is the subject matter of the plaintiff's renewed motion for preliminary injunction that is being filed in conjunction with this motion to seal.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 24, 2024 in Los Angeles, California

/s/C. Valerie Ibe, Esq.

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Attorney for Plaintiff